

The obituary of Alice V. Rashleigh that is reproduced below appears on p. 1 of the Wednesday, July 14, 1954 issue of The Carbondale Daily News (Vol. 82, No. 136). It was therein discovered by SRP on 04-02-1979.

Illness Fatal To Alice Rashleigh, City Historian, Retired Teacher

Miss Alice Voyle Rashleigh, a Carbondale school teacher for 53 years and a member of a prominent Carbondale family, died last night at 8 at the General Hospital, after a three-week illness. She had been retired for 14 years.

Miss Rashleigh was born in Carbondale Aug. 28, 1870. She began teaching at the age of 17 in the old Carbondale John Marshall

School. She was made principal of Carbondale's No. 2 School and later was transferred as principal to the school where she began teaching, and remained there until her retirement in 1940.

A granddaughter of the late Thomas Voyle, one of the early mayors of Carbondale, Miss Rashleigh compiled a history of Carbondale for the city's centennial celebration three years ago.

Her historical series on the city was published in its entirety in the NEWS during the centennial year. In addition, Miss Rashleigh contributed numerous other articles for publication in the NEWS.

She was a prolific writer and maintained a voluminous correspondence, numbering among her correspondents, presidents and governors. She had been mentioned several times on the Arthur Godfrey program and had corresponded with sports announcer Red Barber. At one time she was cited for her interest in the United

States flag on the radio program "Woman's Page of the Air." Miss Rashleigh was an avid baseball fan and was a close supporter of the Brooklyn Dodgers of the National League.

She had a deep interest in the Columbia Hose Co. of which she was an honorary member. Durn parades and similar events in which firemen participated, she always made it a point to appear with the company riding the fire engine.

Miss Rashleigh stayed with the changing scene, watching the old move out and the new take its place. Perhaps, the change most touching to her in recent years was the end of the steam engine on the Delaware and Hudson division here. When the railroad exhibited its last "J" 1500 Class locomotive near the D&H station several months ago, Miss Rashleigh remained on the scene throughout most of the day recounting the steam engine era to visitors.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and took a part in work of the various church organizations.

Survivors include three cousins, Miss Jane Voyle, Olyphant; T. M. Orchard, Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Elizabeth Shaffer, Providence, R. I.

The funeral will be held from the John T. McGranaghan Funeral Home, 62 N. Main St. Friday at 11 a. m. The Rev. Paul L. Hulslander, pastor of First Methodist Church will officiate.

Interment, Maplewood Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home Thursday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m.



Alice V. Rashleigh